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REQUEST FOR CONTINUING EXAMINATION (RCE)

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby requests continuing examination (RCE), under appropriate provisions of law and regulation including 37 CFR 1.114 and 1.17(e), of the above-identified patent

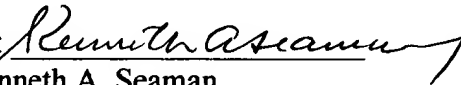
application (following the grant of the concurrently-filed petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment).

This paper repeats applicants' previously-stated traverse of the rejections which the Examiner presented. The reasoning and requests of the applicants' Amendment previously filed in this application are specifically incorporated herein by reference.

Please consider this a request for an interview by telephone with the examiner prior to the issuance of the first office action on the continuing examination of this application. Applicants' attorney would like to fully understand the rationale of the Examiner, present his understanding of the art and the invention, and explore any patentable subject matter exists in the subject patent application in such a telephonic interview. Of course, such interview would be held at a mutually-agreeable time.

Please charge the fee for this request (believed to be provided in 37 CFR 1.17(e)) to Deposit Account 09-0452 in the name of International Business Machines Corporation. If any additional fee is due for this paper, the Patent Office is authorized to charge the same deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,
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